GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:82
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
MISUSE OF STAFF CAR BY DIRECTOR (PTG)
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director (Ptg.) in the Directorate of Printing was found misusing his official car since September, 1990;

(b) whether Government have obtained special permission from the Ministry of Finance sometime in July/August, 2001to regularize the misuse from retrospective effect; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government against the erring official?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a): A Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha vide his D.Oletter dated 23.4.2001, inter-alia, raised the matter that the Director of Printing has been regularly using the staff car since September, 1990 for journeys between his residence to office and back.

(b): It was observed that although the Director of Printing was notholding a post equivalent to that of Joint Secretary he discharges the duties of the Head of Department with country-wide jurisdiction. It was felt that the facility of using the staff car for journeys between his residence and office and back would certainly facilitate his functioning as Head of Department. Such a proposal was accordingly made to the Department of Expenditure in July, 2001. The said Department vide their U.O. Note dated 6.8.2001 agreed to the proposal, as a special case.

(c): In view of the above, action against the official is not warranted.